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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - ROK FORCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1. FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED DEC 29 FOR USE BY
DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN IN RESPONSE TO DEC 29 OBERDERFER
STORY, "KOREA ASKS \$1.5 BILLION IN U.S. LOANS FOR ARMS",
IN "WASHINGTON POST".

QUOTE QUESTION: HAVE THE KOREANS ASKED U.S. FOR \$1.5
BILLION FOR PROCUREMENT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT?

ANSWER: THE ROKG HAS FORMULATED A FIVE-YEAR FORCE
IMPROVEMENT PLAN WHICH IT EXPECTS TO FUND FROM ITS OWN
RESOURCES.

HOWEVER, THE ROKG IS INTERESTED IN U.S. SUPPORT FOR A
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PORTION OF THE PLAN THROUGH FMS DEFENSE GUARANTEED

LOANS. THIS IS UNDER REVIEW AND I DO NOT WISH TO
SPECULATE ON LEVELS OF FUTURE SUPPORT.

FYI: THE FIP IS A KOREAN PLAN, DISTINCT FROM THE US-
ROK FORCE MODERNIZATION PLAN, ALTHOUGH IT CONTAIDS ELE-
MENTS OF THE MOD PLAN AND IN EFFECT CONTINUES IT. END
QUOTE.

2. SPOKESMAN USED GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO ONE INQUIRY
FROM KOREAN REPORTER.

3. IF INQUIRIES RECEIVED ON STORY ON FIP, EMBASSY/
COMUSK SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT PLAN IS KOREAN ONE AND WILL
BE CARRIED OUT WITH ROKG'S OWN RESOURCES, AND NOT
RPT NOT JOINT EFFORT. ROBINSON

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